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## **Nelson County Community Fund Announces Winter 2017 Grant Awards**

The Advisory Committee of the Nelson County Community Fund announces the Winter 2017 funding for eight grants from six nonprofits serving the people of Nelson County. The grant awards total \$83,000. Grant applications may be submitted twice a year, by December 31 for a winter grant cycle and by June 30 for the summer grant cycle.

The Nelson County Community Fund (NCCF) is a Committee-Advised Fund of the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF). CACF, which is a 501 (c) (3) organization, acts as the fiscal adviser for NCCF. The totally volunteer Advisory Committee of NCCF reviews grants, conducts site visits and makes recommendations concerning the grant awards to the Board of CACF.

Funding will be awarded to the following organizations: Monticello Area Community Action Agency (MACAA) for Project Discovery (support and scholarships for Nelson County High School graduating seniors), and Community Outreach (assistance for emergency rent, utility payments, and other crisis intervention); Blue Ridge Medical Center for the Medication Assistance Program (to help purchase medications for uninsured and underinsured patients through arrangements with pharmaceutical companies) and for the Rural Health Outreach Program (education, preventive health services, care navigation and primary care for low-income, uninsured people); Blue Ridge Interfaith Ministry for assistance with electricity and fuel bills; Virginia College Advising Corps for the placement of a college advisor at Nelson County High School; The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen

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(for environmental education with field trips and a wish list for teachers); and Nelson Kid Care (to purchase supplemental food for children in Nelson County Public Schools to take home over the weekend).

The Nelson County Community Fund receives its funding from generous donors and from the proceeds of the annual Opportunity Ball and other fundraisers. All donations to NCCF are fully tax deductible due to the affiliation with CACF. Since its founding in 2000 the Nelson County Community Fund has provided over \$1million in grant funds to over 50 organizations serving Nelson County. The Nelson County Community Fund is an “opportunity to care and share,” with local people pooling resources to help meet the needs of people in Nelson County.

. For more information about the Nelson County Community Fund, how to contribute or attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Opportunity Ball on March 11, or how to apply for a grant, please go to the website [www.nelsonfund.org](http://www.nelsonfund.org) or contact the Advisory Committee at [NCCFund@gmail.com](mailto:NCCFund@gmail.com) or 434-260-1843.

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